

**PMIP2 Workshop, - 14-19 September 2008
Aspen Lodge, Estes Park, Colorado**

Dear PMIP2 Workshop Participant:

We look forward to seeing you at the PMIP2 Workshop beginning on Sunday, September 14th at the Aspen Lodge in Estes Park, Colorado. The dining lodge will be open for an informal dinner from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Sunday evening.

The workshop will run five (5) full days beginning on Monday morning, September 15, 2008. Please see the attached agenda for complete details.

The workshop will focus on the analyses by PMIP2 subprojects of the coupled atmosphere-ocean and atmosphere-ocean-vegetation model simulations for the Last Glacial Maximum and mid-Holocene, and the evaluation of these results using new and existing data syntheses.

This workshop will also be the kickoff of the next phase of PMIP2 with four proposed future themes: evaluation of Earth System Models for 6 ka and LGM, interglacials and warm periods, abrupt climate change, and measures of model skill in simulating paleoclimate conditions.

LOCATION - Estes Park, CO



Please note that Aspen Lodge is in Estes Park, CO not Aspen, CO!!

Aspen Lodge, 6120 Highway 7, Estes Park, CO 80517, phone: 970.586.8133, toll free: 800.332.MTNS.

Aspen Lodge www.aspenlodge.net located in Estes Park, CO is an all-inclusive facility. The lodging/meal rate per night is \$227 for a single room with private bath and \$154 for a double room with two beds with shared bath. You will be responsible for paying for your lodging and incidentals upon check out. Those who requested partial funding support have been notified.

Located only 1-1/2 hours from Denver, CO, Aspen Lodge is worlds apart, yet easily accessible. Aspen Lodge is on the Peak-to-Peak Highway (Hwy 7), just 7-1/2 miles south of Estes Park. Situated on 85 acres, the resort property includes mountain meadows, deep forests of evergreen and a shimmering mountain lake that is used in the summer for fishing, boating and kayaking.



GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Most participants will fly into Denver International Airport (DIA).

Ground transportation between DIA and Aspen Lodge is available with Estes Park Shuttle. Please remember to make shuttle reservations at: www.estesparktransportation.com or call 970.356.3366. The cost for the shuttle service roundtrip is approximately \$85.00.

INTERNET/COMMUNICATIONS/POSTERS

Wireless internet access will be limited at the Aspen Lodge so please download all required materials for your talks before arriving. USB sticks will be available to download your talks onto the main laptop. Cell phone reception at this location is not reliable so please plan accordingly, i.e. calling cards.

Posters will be left up for the entire meeting, grouped by theme. Posters must fit in a 4' x 4' space.

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES

Thursday afternoon has been set aside for excursions and activities. Examples of activities include horseback riding, hiking, van tours to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park, mountain biking, swimming etc. Please anticipate your interest and be sure to bring along appropriate attire for your chosen activity. Sign up for these activities will be in the Main Lodge Lobby. Any costs associated with these excursions will be the responsibility of each participant.

MEALS

All meals will be provided at Aspen Lodge. Purchases of alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of each participant.

WEATHER/ALTITUDE

The Fall season in the Estes Valley is a very special time. The days begin to cool and we tend to have beautiful sunshine all day long. Temperatures in the daytime range from the upper 40's to the mid 80's. You can most likely expect days in the upper 60's or low 70's. Bring your sunglasses because you will need them!

Fall is often the best weather of the year. This is also when the nights start getting nice and crisp with lows in the 20's and 30's. Aspen trees begin to turn brilliant gold beginning in mid September. Usually, the color lasts about a month with peak color being around the first of October. This can vary depending on the weather patterns. Fall is also a great time to view wildlife. The Elk rut is in full swing!

Please pack comfortable clothes, shoes and a warm jacket for cooler evenings and mountain hikes. Colorado weather can change instantly so layering is advised to stay comfortable and dry.

You are traveling to high altitude territory where symptoms of altitude sickness can spoil your visit. Aspen Lodge is situated at 9200'. It is very important that you stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water to avoid altitude sickness.

The official diagnosis is made when a **headache**, with any one or more of the following symptoms is present after a recent ascent above 2500 meters (8000 feet): Loss of appetite, nausea, or vomiting; fatigue or weakness; dizziness or light-headedness; difficulty sleeping. If you suspect any symptoms, medical facilities are available nearby the Aspen Lodge.